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Your Excellency,

On the occasion of your visit to London, we would like to draw to your attention the conclusions of a meeting of European organisations concerned by the situation in East Timor, which was held in London on January 12 and 13 and attended by representatives from organisations in Portugal, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

We naturally discussed the efforts which you are making to seek a comprehensive settlement of the conflict in East Timor, in line with General Assembly Resolution 37/30 of 1982.

All the organisations present were concerned that until now consultations have involved only the governments of Portugal and Indonesia. They strongly supported the view that, in order to achieve a genuine act of self-determination in East Timor, negotiations must involve the people of the territory, who have continuously shown their opposition to the Indonesian presence.

They also felt that a ceasefire and normal access to development agencies and foreign observers are both essential, and that without them the people of East Timor will not be in a position to express their point of view freely.

We remain deeply preoccupied by the persistent reports of human rights violations in the territory and by the fact that the relief work of the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organisations continues to be severely restricted.

During the discussions which you will be holding with the Indonesian government, we request you to reaffirm these criteria, which follow from the principles of international law which have constantly guided the international community in its declarations concerning East Timor.

Yours respectfully,

Miss Mildred Nevile MBE
General Secretary

enclosed: A list of the participating organisations.